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1. According to current rumors in East Berlin, President Wilhelm Pieck is under arrest.
2. Pieck is alleged to have tried to escape to Switzerland with his daughter, Lore Pieck Staimer. However, he was fired upon and intercepted, put under arrest, and taken to Karlshorst; his daughter made good her escape, and is now in Switzerland.
3. One version of the rumor has it that Pieck's illness in March 1953 was not real, and that the reports that he was ill were somehow connected with his attempt to escape.

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